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Federal Election 2025

—A personal message

On 3 May Australia will vote for its next Federal government.

While the issue of greatest concern to the electorate is the cost of living crisis, what is lost in discussions is the link between the climate crisis and the cost of living crisis.

The massive increase in extreme weather events in Australia and around the globe is resulting in massive increases in insurance premiums. People in areas bearing the brunt of extreme weather events can't even get insurance - too great a risk for the insurance industry.

Then there is the increasing cost of food. The highly variable climate is making it much harder for commercial producers of food. Think floods in the Northern Rivers, Northern QLD, now Western Qld. Think heatwaves in WA and SA.

Climate scientists warned that a warmer world would have more bugs and diseases. The avian flu is decimating chicken flocks resulting in a significant increase in the price of eggs.

Health—climate change has a big impact on health. Heatwaves are serious risks if you're elderly, very young, pregnant, breastfeeding, have a disability or ?? living with a chronic health condition.

Bushfires are also health risks because of smoke and heat.

The number and severity of extreme climate events continues to grow but awareness shrinks as no one dares to talk about it.

Please consider candidates' climate action policies before you vote.

Kathryn Maxwell,
President, SHASA

Desperate need for local radiotherapy

The recent announcements of substantial federal health funding commitments to the communities of Midland WA (\$200 million) and Boothby SA (\$150 million) are, without a doubt, music to the ears of those communities. We celebrate their success and commend their advocacy. Good on them for securing such significant funding, and good on Prime Minister Albanese and Minister Mark Butler for listening and responding—as they should. Health is undeniably one of the most critical issues any government will ever confront, and these communities are rightfully reaping the rewards of their tireless efforts.

However, as we applaud these initiatives, we must ask: Why has our own region been left behind?

As a largely rural Local Health District, home to a nationally significant seniors and State-significant First Nations demographic, our region stretches across the vast landscapes of Gilmore and Eden-Monaro. We know all too well the importance of local healthcare access, and the relentless advocacy often required to secure services that urban populations take automatically for granted. One glaring and inexplicable absence is Local Radiotherapy Services (LRS)—a critical treatment that has been missing from our Far South Coast for way too long.

Why, in 2025, are we still without this vital service, which is especially crucial for the very people our government wants to support—those in rural, remote, and disadvantaged communities?

Why is it that, despite providing chemotherapy services locally through our wonderfully dedicated oncology departments in Moruya and Bega, the obvious administrative solution of bringing radiotherapy to the region has not been prioritized?

Over the past six years, our community and ONE Advocates have been pushing for a Level 4 Eurobodalla Regional Hospital—with the provision of LRS as a key component. This project, supported by both the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shires and the Eurobodalla Shire Council, has seen much determined campaigning. The NSW Government has acted, committing to a new regional hospital and shouldering the whole project's financial burden at a realistic level. Yet, the more modest—and far less costly—matter of Local Radiotherapy remains unresolved. This is where the Federal Government should and must step in.

We sincerely thank Fiona Phillips, Member for Gilmore, and Kristy McBain, Member for Eden-Monaro, for their unwavering support. Fiona Phillips has already secured \$8 million in federal funding towards the estimated \$35 million cost of LRS, based on an expert review in 2023. But this is patently not enough. We need the Federal Government to stop stepping around the desperate need for radiotherapy in our community. If the pleas of ordinary citizens like us carry no weight, at least listen to your own representatives—Fiona and Kristy—who know firsthand the dire need for these services.

Albanese and Butler, you've responded to the Midland and Boothby's communities. Now, will you respond to ours? Is \$35 million for life-saving cancer treatment for a rural community really too much to ask when the government is investing hundreds of millions elsewhere? The provision of LRS could transform patient outcomes across our region. We urge you to act now.

Think about it—this is not just an expenditure; it's a lifeline.

Myène & Fitzroy Boulting,

Head Petitioners, 2021 and 2022 Local Radiotherapy Petitions to Parliament - ONE New Eurobodalla L4 Regional Hospital Advocates.

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Masterplan more than click-bait headlines, says Mayor

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Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher says he's thrilled to see community interest focusing on Council's soon-to-be-released draft Batemans Bay Masterplan.

"Of course, media are running with '100-metre skyscraper' headlines, but there's so much more to this plan," says the Mayor.

Providing a vision of what Batemans Bay might look like in 2100, the draft Masterplan divides the town into four activity-based quarters – tourism, commercial, residential and industrial – investing in key sites at each to grow amenity and development.

"Not much has changed in the Bay during the 22 years I've lived here – it's at a standstill," says Mayor Hatcher.

"This plan is about growing opportunities for housing – in type and number – without expanding recklessly into the bush. It reinforces existing greenbelts, links services, and encourages employment sectors with jobs for young people. All in a functioning economy that extends beyond nine-to-five."

The Mayor says he understands the fuss around building heights but cautions people to remain realistic.

"More housing, done right, requires higher-density buildings. We can fill in or build up, depending on location. This plan suggests both for a handful of locations across the Bay."

The draft Masterplan proposes height limits at 20 metre increments, allowing buildings up to 80 metres at prescribed locations. Developers can gain additional height using five-metre height 'incentives' if their buildings include affordable housing, green space and/or design excellence. Mayor Hatcher says any changes to housing density require formal amendments to Eurobodalla's Local Environment Plan.

"Whether you love these ideas or not, we need to get this right," says the Mayor.

"For six weeks from Monday 14 April, we'll have a walk-in CBD shopfront – in the old 'Rivers' store, on the Beach Road roundabout – with copies of the draft Masterplan and staff to answer your questions. I hope anyone and everyone gets along for factual answers straight from the horse's mouth. The proposal will also be available on Council's website and in hardcopy at the libraries."

The draft Batemans Bay Masterplan will be on public exhibition for 42 days from Monday 14 April. For more information visit Council's [Batemans Bay Living Place Masterplan webpage](#).

Eurobodalla Council interim general manager announced

ESC

Eurobodalla councillors have appointed experienced local government leader Mark Ferguson to the Council's interim general manager role. Mr Ferguson

commences duties on Monday 7 April.

The appointment was made by councillors during a confidential session in the Council Meeting last Tuesday and the contract signed late yesterday.



Mark Ferguson Photo LinkedIn

Mayor Mathew Hatcher said Mr Ferguson is a very well-regarded general manager in the local government sector, with long stints at leading Sydney councils Pittwater and Northern Beaches, as well as Coffs Harbour City Council.

"Mark is well-known in the sector for leading high performing councils focused on robust governance and decision making," Cr Hatcher said.

"Mark's qualifications and expertise in psychology and behavioural science allow him to support trust building, empathy, and collaboration, as well as resilience and innovation."

The Mayor said he's pleased to have a leader of Mr Ferguson's calibre join the Council while recruitment for a permanent general manager takes place.

"This can take up to six months or more," he said, "so we look forward to a period of solid achievement under Mark's leadership."

Mr Ferguson's most recent role at Edward River Council was a Ministerial appointment as a temporary advisor focused on effective governance.

Mr Ferguson's appointment follows the resignation of former general manager Warwick Winn last month.

Southern NSW Local Health District



Eurobodalla Health Service Update



THURSDAY
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You are invited to hear the latest updates about the Eurobodalla Health Service, including the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

Southern NSW Local Health District



Eurobodalla Health Service Update



Dr. Michael Holland
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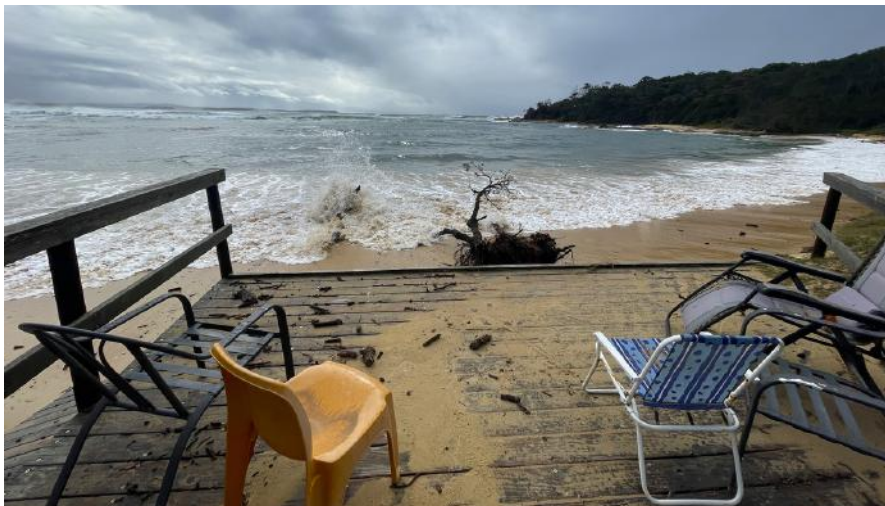
Wild weather batters coast



Monday swell at the breakwall. Photos Moruya Mail.



Shelly Beach platform was damaged in the storms and has now been removed



The shade tree at Shelly Beach platform was also swept away.

Council to transition out of disability and aged services

Eurobodalla Council has endorsed a proposal to transition out of its disability services, aged care packages, and seniors respite services in 2025.

The proposal is subject to confirmation that other providers can support clients, a staff consultation, and the development of detailed plans prior to a transition starting.

Councillors voted on Tuesday to exit the services by October after more than three decades of operation.

Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher said staff and clients are being advised of the change, noting that services will continue as they are for now.

Cr Hatcher highlighted the very positive impact that all of Council’s community care services have had on the community for many years.

“This decision reflects the changes that have occurred in the aged care and disability sectors, the challenges facing providers, and in particular non-specialist providers like councils.

“We’ve seen a number of New South Wales councils exiting these services of late, including our neighbours in Bega,” he said.

The decision comes after an independent review of the Council’s community care services late last year and will affect around 148 clients and 75 full time, part time and casual staff in Council’s NDIS programs, HomeCare packages, and seniors respite service.

Council’s community transport and individual and group social support programs are not part of the proposal and will continue to operate.

Mayor Hatcher said it’s important to know there are no immediate changes to services, and that the exit is carefully planned and sensitively considers those impacted.

“We will continue to deliver services to our clients as normal for now,” the Mayor said.

“We want the community to be reassured that looking after our clients and staff is the priority. We will have a transition plan in place that ensures our clients will be well supported in making decisions about changing providers, and our staff will be supported to find other work.”

A further report to Council will occur in May 2025, with updates around the capacity of other providers to take on clients, discussions with government agencies and the results of the staff consultation.

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Surfside Beach, Batemans Bay flood warning

The NSW SES advises people in in Surfside to 'STAY INFORMED' about predicted significant surf conditions which may cause flooding on the Surfside Beach.

THE SES is expecting "Coastal inundation due to significant surf conditions on the high tide overnight."

Debris and sand had been washed up onto the shore this morning and some residences had started sandbagging.

Coastal erosion had been happening at this site for many years. In mid 2023, \$12 million of funding to Council for new coastal protection works was announced. A combined investment through joint Federal and State government co-contributions under Round One of the Albanese Government's new Disaster Ready Fund.

Last year council sought feedback for a 'Batemans Bay Urban Creeks Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan' which is due in late 2025.

For emergency assistance during a flood, storm or tsunami, call the NSW SES on [132 500](tel:132500). In a life-threatening emergency, call Triple Zero (000).



The Beach Access at Surfside today.

See change at 'Sea Change' beach and resort



The Myamba Eco Resort this afternoon

The seas were lapping at the decks of the unfinished Surfside Resort today.

Development plans were approved in 2014 for the Beachfront 'Eco Resort' at 2a Myamba Parade Surfside.

According to their website at the time of purchase, "The private company Virtical has swooped on a major beachfront land holding in the NSW tourism hotspot of Batemans Bay, and is planning a luxury apartment and hotel complex.

The company is looking to cash in on surging regional tourism and the sea-change market, which has turbo-charged residential property prices.

Virtical has snapped up the prize parcel of 10,300sq m and will develop a residential and eco-tourism project in the northern precinct of the town-ship.

The parcel of land at 2A Myamba Pde at Surfside fronts two beaches and has development approval for Virtical to create a five-star eco-tourism resort, with construction expected to total \$30m." In September Nine Media reported that Virtical "A high-flying pubs and hotels group is under investigation by the Australian Taxation Office over \$100 million in GST refunds after a company linked to the group's former managing director was fined for its own dodgy claims."

Last week Nine reported "The former director of collapsed hospitality empire Virtical was asked about the mysterious purchase of \$5 million of gold bullion as liquidators opened court proceedings in their hunt for tens of millions of dollars linked to fake GST refunds claimed by the group."

Last week a 'Notice of Possession' sign was pasted up to the site.



The sandbagged Myamba Eco Resort yesterday.

Dutton's gas twice the price of wind and solar

350 Eurobodalla

Peter Dutton claims that increasing the supply of gas in the domestic market would bring down the wholesale price of gas from \$14 to \$10 a gigajoule.

Even at \$10 a gigajoule, gas fired electricity would still be twice the price of wind and solar.

Gas is the most expensive electricity in our East Coast market and is only used as a back up and never as baseload power.

The Australian Energy Regulator reported that the average cost of gas generated electricity in NSW was \$235 per megawatt hour during 2024.

Tristan Edis of Green Energy Markets says that \$10 gigajoule gas would result in electricity prices of \$170 per megawatt hour, twice the CSIRO estimate of wind and solar at \$40 to \$80.

The gas companies may continue to charge Australian customers the world market price for gas and the Liberals were unwilling to support the temporary cap on gas prices brought in at the start of the invasion of Ukraine. Dutton's gas powered electricity won't be cheap, but it will be polluting.

It is irresponsible to increase gas usage and drive up emissions when climate change is already causing havoc in Australia and around the world.

Ex tropical cyclone Alfred dumped so much rain on SE Queensland and Northern NSW because the ocean has warmed due to climate change.

Liberal candidate Andrew Constance has to answer how he can support a higher emissions pathway than continuing the rapid rollout of renewable energy. Constance was very clear that the Black Summer bushfires were so extreme because of climate change. The Liberals energy plan also includes extra costs, emissions and the risk of blackouts by extending the life of old and unreliable coal power stations.

The world has passed them by, no Australian power company will invest in a new coal or nuclear power station.

The huge amount of solar energy fed into the grid from people's rooftops is an opportunity to drive down electricity prices by installing neighbourhood batteries and subsidising home batteries.

350 Eurobodalla supports a rapid transition to renewable energy with wind and solar backed up by batteries and pumped hydro. Gas will be needed for some time, but only as a back up.

At this election we must vote as if our children's future depends on us, because it does.

Additional \$14 million to keep communities and emergency services better connected

The Federal Government continues to prioritise safety and resilience measures for natural-disaster prone communities with an additional \$14 million to extend critical community Wi-Fi services at evacuation centres across Australia.

The Strengthening Telecommunications Against Natural Disasters (STAND) program has already installed NBN Co. Sky Muster satellite connections to 1068 locations Australia-wide, including 18 sites in Gilmore. Interactive map showing existing sites available [here](#).

This also includes emergency sites across areas in northern New South Wales and south east Queensland which were impacted during ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

The additional \$14 million will add community Wi-Fi capability to a further 500 emergency sites, and extend services at existing sites for an additional four years, beyond 2025.

Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP said "The safety of Australians is the number one priority of the Albanese Government – particularly during natural disasters which are becoming more frequent and severe.

"Resilient communications and broadcasting networks are vital for keeping communities safe, informed, and connected, during emergencies. It can be the difference between life and death.

"Sky Muster satellite internet services can operate off a portable generator even when local ground-based communications networks are down – keeping communities connected when they need it most."

Fiona Phillips MP said "Since coming to office, the Albanese Government has made significant investments to improve mobile coverage and the resilience of communications networks against natural disasters.

"We have delivered more than 900 resilience projects just this term, including across Gilmore, with many more to come.

"Our Government will work closely with the NSW government to prioritise disaster-prone areas that do not have emergency connectivity solutions to ensure this investment delivers where it is most needed.

"Unlike the Liberal National Coalition, Labor will not leave Australians to fend for themselves when it comes to public-safety connectivity."

The Albanese Government will work closely with states and territories to prioritise disaster-prone areas that do not have emergency connectivity solutions to ensure this investment delivers where it is most needed. Since coming to office, the Government has committed more than \$340 million to improve mobile coverage and the resilience of communications networks against natural disasters.

This includes through [the Mobile Network Hardening Program](#), [the Telecommunications Disaster Resilience Innovation Program](#), and [the Broadcasting Resilience Program](#), with more than 900 resilience projects delivered this term, and many more to come.

A re-elected Albanese Government will also introduce legislation for a Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation (UOMO) in 2025. This world-leading reform will provide near continent-wide outdoor mobile coverage, essential during emergencies and natural disasters which disrupt power and land-based networks.

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Election Called: Farmers challenge parties to secure Australia's farming future

As Australia heads to the polls on 3 May, the **National Farmers' Federation** (NFF) is demanding all parties commit to securing the nation's farming future.

"This election comes at a critical moment for Australian agriculture and every family that relies on farmers for affordable food and fibre," said NFF President David Jochinke. "The choices made by the next government will shape our ability to feed Australians for generations to come."

The NFF's six-point plan to Secure Australia's Farming Future calls for immediate action on:

- 1.Planning for Food Security – Developing a National Food Security Preparedness Strategy
 - 2.Cutting Farm Costs – Reducing regulatory burdens and maintaining vital support programs
 - 3.Partnering for Sustainability – Investing in practical environmental solutions led by farmers
 - 4.Building a Productive Workforce – Addressing critical labour shortages and enhancing safety
 - 5.Securing Market Access – Strengthening trade relationships and boosting export competitiveness
 - 6.Investing in the Regions – Fixing unsafe rural roads and delivering on regional housing and childcare
- "Australian agriculture stands at the intersection of major global trends that will reshape farming and food prices," Mr. Jochinke explained.

"From rising input costs to climate pressures, our \$80 billion export industry faces unprecedented challenges.

"But with the right policies, we can turn these challenges into opportunities – keeping food affordable while growing towards our goal of becoming a \$100 billion industry by 2030."

The NFF urges voters to ask their local candidates: "What's your plan to secure Australia's farming future and keep farmers farming?"

To learn more about the NFF's 2025 Federal Election campaign, visit keepfarmersfarming.org.au

Threats to work from home could affect 1 in 3 NSW workers
Coalition Leader, Peter Dutton's threat to clamp down on work from home arrangements would likely impact 1 in 3 workers in New South Wales, with a flow-on effect from public to private sector workers. New analysis by the ACTU of ABS data shows that 1 in 3 workers could be impacted from the flow-on effect of the Dutton Coalition's proposed changes to work from home settings.

195,000 New South Wales workers currently work from home to spend less time commuting or to save money. If these workers are forced back onto the roads – it will add to congestion and make life harder for everyone.

A further 100,000 employees are working from home because of their childcare or other caring responsibilities.

In a double blow, 320,000 people report they are working from home to "catch up" on work after hours. Not only will these workers be forced to stay longer at the office to finish their work; they also lose the right to disconnect, which has begun to lower rates of unpaid overtime.

Workers in Parramatta and in Eden Monaro will be among the hardest hit, as the 17 and 18 percent of people who work from home in those electorates do so because of their commute time, compared to the 12 percent average for NSW.

ACTU President, Michele O'Neil:

"Working people in our outer suburbs face some of the longest and most expensive commutes.

"Forcing hundreds of thousands of workers back on the roads will mean less time with kids and more time in traffic.

"Blanket orders summoning people back to the workplace, will leave thousands without access to work from home settings and other flexible work options.

"This would be an instant productivity killer, because flexible work has pushed women's workforce participation to record highs, as one million women joined the workforce in the last four years.

"Less flexible work will also reduce real wages growth. Under a Dutton-led Coalition, working women may need to prepare for a pay cut, because their only option to maintain workplace flexibility is likely to be moving into a part time job, and taking a pay cut."

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Share your expertise on a Council advisory committee

Applications are invited from members of the community to join Eurobodalla Council’s advisory committees.

Residents with expertise and experience relevant to climate and environment, disability inclusion, Aboriginal community representation and heritage are encouraged to apply. Each committee has at least one councillor as a member.

Mayor Mathew Hatcher said councillors want to tap into residents’ valuable expertise to help shape the direction of key projects and policies.

“Eurobodalla is full of incredible individuals with unique skills and experiences,” Mayor Hatcher said.

“We’d love to see those talents come together on these committees to review policies and plans in development, give staff feedback and advice on projects, and share their ideas for the future.

“I encourage anyone with relevant skills to put their hand up and join a committee. Let’s learn from one another and achieve great things for our community.”

Advisory committees typically meet four times a year at the Council offices in Moruya. The committees are:

- Aboriginal Advisory Committee
- Climate and Environment Advisory Committee
- Disability Inclusion Advisory Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee

Head to Council’s website

www.esc.nsw.gov.au/council/committees for information on your committee of interest, including the terms of reference and the online application form.

Applications close 9am, Wednesday 23 April 2025.

For more information, or for help with the application process, please contact Council’s executive services team on 4474 1005.

Good Finds by Yumaro: A Pop-Up with Purpose

Yumaro is thrilled to announce the grand opening of Good Finds, a new pop-up op shop in Moruya that’s all about second-hand fashion, sustainability, and hands-on retail training for people with disabilities.

Opening Friday, 4th April at 1:00pm, Good Finds will offer a range of quality pre-loved clothing, shoes, and accessories at affordable prices. While customers shop, participants will gain valuable workplace skills in customer service, merchandising, and shop operations, all in a fun, inclusive environment.

“This isn’t just an op shop – it’s an opportunity,” said Mark Brantingham, CEO at Yumaro. “We’re creating a space where participants can learn, grow, and feel part of something bigger.”

The pop-up shop will be open for three months, with the hope of growing Good Finds into a long-term social enterprise, providing meaningful employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

The first full day of trade will be Saturday, 5th April.

Good Finds’ operating hours will be:

Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Donations of clean, good-condition clothing, shoes, and accessories are warmly accepted. Items can be dropped off at Yumaro, Shelley Road, Moruya.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Friday, 4th April 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Shop 5/60 Queen Street, Moruya

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April Falls Month focuses on staying active daily

This April Falls Month older people living in south-east NSW are being encouraged to look after themselves with regular exercise and activity to help maintain independence.

'Falls Prevention is everyone's business' is the theme of this year's April Falls Month, an annual event supported by the NSW Fall Prevention and Healthy Ageing Network to encourage older adults to become more active and reduce falls.

Brodie Palmer, Health Promotion Officer at Southern NSW Local Health District, emphasised the importance of staying active.

"Keeping active is one of the best things we can do to maintain our independence as we age. Regular exercise helps improve balance, strength, and confidence, making everyday activities easier and reducing the risk of falls," Ms Palmer said.

"Whether it's joining (or starting!) a Heart Foundation Walking group, taking part in a local exercise class, or using the Active & Healthy directory to find a program that suits you, there are many ways to stay moving. Every little bit of activity counts, so find something you enjoy and make it part of your routine," Ms Palmer added.

Ms Palmer explained that Southern NSW Local Health District's physiotherapy teams work closely with community members to provide targeted support and interventions for those at risk of falls or frailty.

NSW Fall Prevention and Healthy Ageing Network Lead Advisor Professor Cathie Sherrington said staying physically active is the single most important thing we can do to stay independent as we age.

"During ageing, our bodies change, losing muscle strength and coordination so the more active we remain, the better chance we have of maintaining our physical function," Prof Sherrington said. Improving balance and strength in our legs allows us to complete regular daily activities more easily, including getting up and down stairs, in and out of cars, negotiating uneven surfaces and reducing the risk of falling. If older people are feeling unsteady on their feet or are having eyesight changes or pain in their feet seeing specialists such as a physiotherapist for balance and strength testing, an optometrist for vision changes and a podiatrist to reduce foot pain can help to maintain independence.

See your GP for issues that worry you and for referrals to other health practitioners.

"Falls prevention is everyone's business and research has shown that regular exercise can reduce falls in older people by 23 per cent. Importantly, slowly building up high-challenge balance exercises can increase the effects of exercise by up to 40 per cent," Prof Sherrington said.

Explore helpful resources for falls prevention on the NSW Clinical Excellence Commission website and learn how to stay active with guidance from the NSW Fall Prevention and Healthy Ageing Network. Looking for a local exercise group?

Visit the NSW Active and Healthy website to find programs that support strength and balance.

Health in brief

Community urged to vaccinate against measles before overseas travel

The NSW Government is calling on people planning to travel overseas this April holiday period to ensure they and their family are fully protected against measles, as cases of the disease continue to rise.

While measles is rare in Australia, it is still a common illness in many parts of the world, with large outbreaks currently in many countries including Vietnam and other parts of Southeast Asia. Measles can cause serious illness, particularly in young children. It remains a common cause of death in children under five in some parts of the world.

Already in NSW this year there have been eight people who acquired measles while travelling in Vietnam and were infectious after arriving home. Some of these cases have spread the disease to family members back in Australia. The measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine is free from the pharmacist for people over five years of age, or from a GP for people of all ages. Babies can have their first dose of the MMR vaccine from six months of age if they will be travelling overseas to a country with high risk of measles activity. Anyone arriving in Australia from overseas who develops symptoms should contact their GP right away so that they don't expose others.

- Symptoms of measles include: Fever, Runny nose, Sore eyes and a cough, Red blotchy rash that can spread from the head to the rest of the body that appears a few days after the other symptoms.

If you, or a loved one, are experiencing measles symptoms, or have questions about measles, please call your GP or healthdirect on 1800 022 222.

\$250,000 to support suicide prevention

The Minns Labor Government has announced \$250,000 in funding to enhance suicide prevention programs for men and women across NSW.

The Government investment will assist charity Talk2meBro whose mission is to help reduce the number of Australians who die from suicide to zero by offering tailored mental health programs.

Dementia Australia calls for urgent action

With Australians heading to the polls in a matter of weeks, Dementia Australia is issuing a stark warning: Australians impacted by dementia cannot wait. With dementia set to soon become the nation's leading cause of death, Dementia Australia is urgently calling on all parties, independents and candidates to commit to immediate action.

Dementia Australia CEO Professor Tanya Buchanan said there are an estimated 433,300 Australians living with dementia and 29,000 people living with younger onset dementia. Two thirds of Australians with dementia live in our community and around 1.7 million people are involved in their care. Dementia is a progressive brain condition and there is currently no cure.

If someone living with dementia requires assistance at a voting centre or when in contact with the Australian Electoral Commission, please call the National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500. The National Dementia Helpline is a free call and operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.



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2025 Eurobodalla Business Awards, entries open

After a successful return in 2024, the Eurobodalla Business Awards are back, with entries open until the end of April. Whether it's a new startup, a long-standing enterprise or sole-trader, Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher is encouraging local businesses to enter. "Celebrating the achievements in our business sectors inspires others, growing Eurobodalla's economy," Mayor Hatcher says.

"It's an easy online form to enter – just simply fill out your business and contact details, then outline your achievements or challenges you've overcome."

Mayor Hatcher introduced new categories this year – an Outstanding Indigenous Business award as well as micro, small, and large business awards.

"This means every business has an opportunity to enter. There are twelve different categories recognising individual or business accomplishments. All entries will be put forward to a panel of expert judges."

Award categories are:

- Outstanding Employee
- Outstanding Young Business Leader
- Excellence in Sustainability
- Outstanding Community Organisation
- Outstanding New Business
- Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion
- Excellence in Micro Business
- Excellence in Small Business
- Excellence in Large Business
- Outstanding Visitor Experience
- Outstanding Indigenous Business
- Business of the Year

Winners will be announced at a gala ceremony at the Bay Pavilions on Saturday 14 June. To find out more about the awards visit the [Eurobodalla Business Awards webpage](#) on Council's website.

Finalists in some of the categories will qualify to represent Eurobodalla in regional awards, with the chance for further recognition at state awards later this year. [Submit entries online](#) by Wednesday 30 April.

Fungi Festival Photo Competition 2025 Opens for Entries!



Allison Aitken-Ringlands Narooma Rainforest walk.

Calling all photographers, nature lovers, and fungi enthusiasts! The highly anticipated Fungi Festival Photo Competition 2025 is officially open, inviting entries of fungi from across the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley. Whether you're a seasoned photographer or a budding amateur, this is your chance to showcase the beauty and diversity of fungi through your lens.

Why Enter? Fungi photography continues to grow in popularity, offering a unique blend of art and science. As Fungi Festival photography workshop facilitator Andrew Larkin explains, "With an estimated three million fungi species and only around 150,000 identified, fungi photography provides an unmatched opportunity to discover and document something completely new to science." Fungi offer an incredible variety of forms, textures, and colours, making them perfect subjects for captivating photography. Whether it's a tiny, delicate mushroom peeking from beneath a leaf or a vibrant, otherworldly specimen glowing in the dark, there's no shortage of inspiration in the forests, gardens, and national parks of our region.

The Fungi Festival Photo Competition is open to all ages, with two categories: Open Division – For photographers of all skill levels; and Youth Division – For budding young photographers under 18.

The competition will run from 1st April to 31st May 2025. Prizes include "A guide to the common fungi of coastal NSW" by author Pam O'Sullivan, mushroom growing kits from Little Acre Gourmet Mushrooms, and an exclusive truffle hunting experience with Gulaga Gold, and Godox LED lighting kits to enhance your fungi photography.

To celebrate the incredible talent of our participants, an exhibition featuring winning and outstanding entries will run throughout the Fungi Festival, venue to be announced.

How to Enter Submissions can be made via the Fungi Festival website: www.fungifeestival.com.au/photo-competition.

Don't miss this opportunity to share your love of fungi with the world. Get out there, explore, and capture the magic of the fungal kingdom!

Fungi Festival 2025 runs from 20th June to 20th July. For full event details, visit www.fungifeestival.com.au

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Time to hang up the hat on Planet TX



Texas Dave and Jenni McGarry

Hundreds of people packed into the Moruya Golf Club on Sunday say a fond farewell to Planet TX Music. Both in their 70s, owners Texas Dave and Jenni McGarry have called time.

The shop has been a Moruya institution for 28 years. Opened on April 1st 1997, the shop closed on April 1st 2025.

Texas Dave left the UK in the 70s with nothing but a backpack and hitchhiked to Australia. He spent two years in north Queensland before moving south.

The shop started as a video game exchange and then morphed into a musical shop. Originally located in the little arcade, after 8 years they moved into recent location.

The name Texas Dave came from his love of Texan music from musicians such as American singer-songwriter Townes Van Zandt, Lucinda Williams and Guy Clarke. Dave said "The music comes from the dirt and soul of the State." Dave brought around 50 concerts out to Australia and was proud that the Texan Governor Anne Richards made him an honorary Texan in 1994.

Jenni McGarry said "Our time in the store is finally at an end. It's hard to find the words to sum up the last 28 years." "Dave is the eloquent one, but I feel truly humbled by the fact that so many people turned up to celebrate our retirement. Thank you to Phil Phree for organizing such a wonderful lineup of local musicians."

"Thank you to the musicians who played and thank you to all the people who came ... it was truly amazing."

"I am proud of what we achieved, learned and experienced. We met some incredibly diverse people, not just locals, but people from all over the world who wandered in.

Dave's forte' was story-telling, He has been a wonderful 'front man' for the store and many people returned just because they enjoyed the experience."

Jenni said "The most rewarding for me, was to watch the young ones with their first instrument, and over the years see them gain confidence through music, also maintaining, repairing and restoring instruments has been extremely satisfying."

"Let's not forget the humble Ukulele, this little instrument probably saved a lot of music stores. Ukulele groups popped up everywhere and people realized the joy and friendship that comes hand in hand with getting together and having fun.

Dave said "Retirement has been coming and we deserve it, but we will miss the people.



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< CORRECTION It was a CWA Film afternoon!

The Batemans Bay CWA had 33 people at an afternoon film screening of The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel last Thursday week (not U3A). Batemans Bay CWA turned 91 on the 26th March. In that time, it has given BB bus stops, a baby health care clinic, established a cottage hospital and had a dangerous sewer capped among other things. Today it is a social group, arranging activities for members and the community, like the film afternoon with no admission. "Our biggest asset is our Hall, with 11 regular renters, all non profit" said Glen Tulip. "We support local schools and Meals on Wheels. We go to Bunnings markets, more to put us out into the community than fundraise." The next CWA adventure is art classes on the 1st Thursday of the month, starting 3rd. April.

Ban on supermarket price gouging welcome

The ACTU strongly supports new measures outlined today that will make it unlawful for supermarkets to price gouge consumers. The Albanese Government has committed to banning price gouging by supermarkets, after the competition watchdog this month found Coles and Woolworths have among the highest profit margins in the world. The ACTU first blew the whistle on corporate price gouging in late 2022, when the big business lobby and Coalition Leader, Peter Dutton were publicly blaming global inflationary cost-of-living pressures on modest workers' wage rises. The ACTU's Price Gouging Inquiry, led by former ACCC Chair, Professor Allan Fels recommended a law to ban price gouging in 2024.

Despite supermarket profits growing at twice the rate of workers' wages, Peter Dutton sided with the major supermarkets and last year refused to back Labor's Bill that would have put supermarkets on notice to improve their practices. The supermarket price gouging ban to be implemented by the Albanese Government closes a gap in Australia's competition and consumer laws – that currently do not directly ban corporations from excessive pricing. Countries in the European Union, throughout most of the US and in the United Kingdom have this consumer protection. The Government's plan to establish an excessive pricing regulatory regime, overseen by the ACCC will give regulators a bigger stick to use against supermarkets. New measures to make supermarket pricing clear, including information on price trends, promotions and loyalty programs is also welcome. ACTU Assistant Secretary, Joseph Mitchell said: "The Albanese Government's ban on price gouging is a serious step forward to crack down on the abuse of market power by Australia's big supermarkets.

"Working people have paid trolley loads of their hard-earned wages to supermarkets that used dodgy tactics to inflate prices, as shown in the Price Gouging Inquiry, chaired by Allan Fels.



Digital mentor training

Wednesday 16 April and Wednesday 23 April
Bay Pavilions community room, Vesper Street, Batemans Bay

The Tec Exec is hosting free Digital Mentor training – and they're calling all tech enthusiasts to join in! At this training, you will learn about:

- foundation and essential digital skills
- what it means to be a digital mentor
- intergenerational digital support
- how to inspire others to use technology and the benefits of being online
- overcoming barriers and challenges.

Once trained, digital mentors can volunteer at drop-in sessions in Batemans Bay and Moruya to help community members with low digital literacy.

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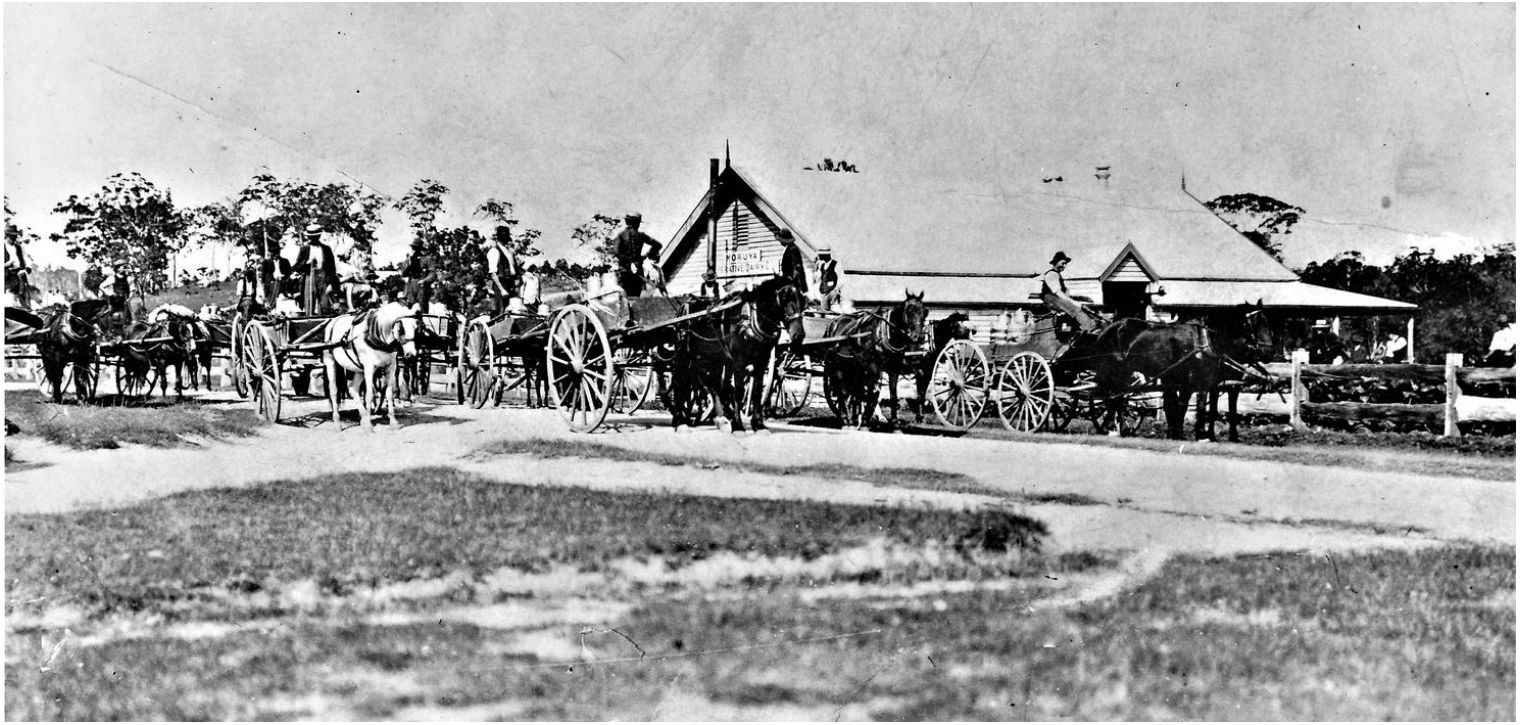
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- More GPs, nurses & primary care
- Fair funding - rural matches city
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100 years ago from the Moruya & District Historical Society



Moruya Cheese factory in 1910.

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Following upon the death of her husband, Mr. T. Taylor (of Narooma) in Bega hospital whilst undergoing an operation on the 18th inst., Mrs. Taylor took ill and died on Thursday of last week. Deceased, who was 67 years of age, leaves a daughter, Mrs. Frank Canty.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Luck, of Yarragee, left for Sydney yesterday (Friday). Mr. Luck was a visitor to the Royal Show when it was held in Prince Alfred Park, and with the exception of the year that the influenza was raging, our old friend has not missed an exhibition.

Mr. A. McIntosh, the local agent, reports that he is doing an excellent business in disposing of the Aladdin lamp, the new kerosene light, which is advertised in the "Examiner." This brilliant light is now being used by almost everyone, who has not already another illuminant installed. Our Shire Councillors have purchased one of these mantle lamps for use at their office.

Mr. H. P. Jeffrey, one of our prominent pig breeders shipped his pure bred Berkshire sow and eight young ones this week for exhibition at the Royal Show.

The death of Mr. Michael Stormon Senr., of Eurobodalla, and one of the pioneers of the Far South Coast, took place on Monday, at the age of 87 years. ... Particulars next week.

The following cricketers will represent Moruya against Mogo at Mogo to-day. Car to leave Mr. Knight's shop at 1 p.m.:— C. Carter (capt), P. J. Feneley, F. Knight, W. Brierly, B. Coppin, D. Rose, H. Knight, B. Warner, E. Harris, Eric Smith, (B. Rose 1st emergency).

The special meeting of the Moruya Co-operative Dairy Co., Ltd. was convened on Monday night in the Shire Hall. ... Mr. R. B. Heffernan (chair) explained that the meeting was called to discuss the best means of bringing the cheese factory up to the standard of the Domestic Industry Act of 1924; Mr. H. J. Thomson referred to the Inspectors who visited here a few months ago. On their report the speaker said that he considered it best to build a new factory. He considered that the business of the meeting was to appoint a committee to go into the details and report to shareholders; Financing the erection of a building and the method of paying off an overdraft was then discussed; Mr. Emmott asked why the present factory had been condemned; The chairman said that the reason was that the walls are of wood and the height of the walls are not up to standard; Messrs. W. Ryan, A. Louttit, J. W. Behringer, A. L. Jeffrey, and J. R. Milne were appointed committee to inquire into the matter of bringing the cheese factory up to the standard of the Dairy Industry Act of 1924.



An Aladdin Lamp.



A Beer with Bazz #186

With
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Longhurst

Mick paced up and down the front bar with his mobile phone glued to his ear. He wiped away beads of sweat from his brow with his free hand.

“So you are saying we have a problem with multiculturalism showing up in the focus groups?Okay...leave it with me.”

Mick returned to the bar table and took up position. He had two lap tops in front of him, another mobile phone and a calculator.

He took a sip of the offered schooner and let out a deep sigh before dialling the other mobile.

“Listen up... multiculturalism is coming up as a negative for us in the focus groups. There is a mosque about a kilometre east of where you are. So take the next left and head over. Tell Dutts to offer a million dollars for..... uhhmm.... ahhhh..... ‘Strengthening Muslim Relationships.’

Mick bit his bottom lip as he listened.

“Maaate..... we will sort the detail later. I will write it into the policy. Just do it!”

Mick punched one million dollars into the calculator and raised a finger and guided Bazza’s gaze to the television.

The Opposition Leader’s car took a sharp left followed by the media contingent and skidded to a halt outside the mosque. He bounded from the car, shook hands with the surprised Imam and announced the one million dollar policy to strengthen Muslim relationships.

The waiting press were left with stunned mullet looks as the Opposition Leader avoided questions, jumped back in the car and sped to the next location on the campaign itinerary.

Mick sucked in a breath, took another sip and eyeballed Bazza.

“It’s been a rough start to the election campaign for Dutts, Bazza. A stumble mixing up ‘working from the harbour’ with ‘working from home’. Now... the boys have got me distilling the findings of the focus groups into policies and strategies. There is a fair bit of thinking on the spot so excuse me if I get a bit distracted.”

Bazza face whitened.

“But Mick... aren’t these policies subject to analysis, debate and costings over months if not years?”

Mick’s phone buzzed again and he raised a finger to cut off Bazza.

“Yes...I know...I know ‘nuclear’ is a big negative with the punters. It’s a bit unfortunate people do not want live next to a nuclear power station. So, let’s go with ‘Energy: A New Clear Policy’ and I will write up the policy now.”

Mick googled ‘gas’ and ‘electricity generation’, hammered away on his lap top and pressed send.

Mick’s screwed his eyes as he punched \$300 billion into the calculator.

They both looked up at the television as ‘Energy: A New Clear Policy’ led the news bulletin.

Bazza leaned back and folded his arms as Mick’s phone buzzed again.

“Yeah...yeah...fair enough...got it. Yep.... aged care cost us votes with ScoMo.”

He scrolled through google maps and dialled the other phone.

“Listen fellas.... another diversion. There is a Bakers Delight four kilometres ahead. Slip in and buy a dozen finger buns... pink and white ones....Head out to the aged care facility in the next suburb for a cuppa. After that, it’s down to Bondi, get him into one of those yellow and red life saver shirts, slap some zinc on his nose and a nice big thumbs up in front of that banner I had made ‘I’m all for CLIMATE!’”

Mick punched \$24 for the finger buns into the calculator and smiled.

“You have to be honest with the costings, Bazza.”

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Author, Journalist and Screenwriter Robert Macklin is a regular contributor to the Moruya Mail. The Gadfly Papers, are a delightful collection of columns he has been writing since 2012.

Gadfly

Peter Dutton has it within his grasp to win this election with a single policy, one that he announced some time ago. All he needs to do is sign a pledge to repeat the offer he made during the debate on the Voice for our Aboriginal people: 'I think it is right and respectful to recognise Indigenous Australians in the constitution and we will work with the Labor Party to find common ground,' he said. 'I believe very strongly it is the right thing to do,' When asked if he would hold a referendum on the issue in his first term, he replied, "Yes".

It would be a nightmare for Anthony Albanese, but one of his own making. Not only did he oversee a disastrous campaign for the Voice, in its wake he didn't even put Aboriginal advancement on the back burner; he took it off the stove altogether.

He passed the portfolio out of the House of Representatives to the Senate into the hands of a Northern Territory political non-entity, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy. She has been utterly invisible since her appointment in July 2024.

Instead of redoubling efforts to rescue our first Australians from the alienation of their compatriots, Albanese turned his back on them. And once raised by Dutton, this betrayal would dog him throughout the campaign.

He accepted the 'No' vote as a signal that the populace as a whole opposed the very notion of Aboriginal advancement. That was never true; the goodwill towards First Nations was, and remains, widespread. The real problem was the campaign.

The Voice itself was a jump too far, a creature of the Aboriginal elite, the few like Noel Pearson, Stan Grant, Professors Marcia Langton and Megan Davis who had – with enormous effort – made a great success of their own careers. They rejected the natural course of the debate – first truth-telling, then Constitutional recognition, then representation. Perhaps their pride prevented them from the implied victimhood, but they were equally ill-served by Albanese's Government.

The Prime Minister and his Cabinet should have known that the great Asian migration of the last 20 years introduced a cohort of cultures with no concept of the British inundation of this Continent and the Australian wars that followed. And without that knowledge Aboriginals were just a minority like themselves, so why should they be granted a special place of honour?

They arrived here wrapt in the cultures of their home countries. And succeeding Australian governments gave little time and attention to Australia's history and its cultural strengths and weaknesses to them, or even to be taught in our schools. Earlier generations were taught the British history of Australia. But faced with the exposure of an Australian viewpoint, pioneered by Henry Reynolds on the frontier wars, followed by a wealth of historical biography from both white and indigenous authors, the education authorities appear to have retreated into silence. This goes for both private and public schools.

That leaves the field open for an Opposition Leader to deeply embarrass the Prime Minister with his referendum pledge followed by a media pile on.

But here's the thing: Dutton won't do it. He's the man who walked out of the Parliament during Kevin Rudd's apology. He's the man his former colleague Malcolm Turnbull described as a political 'thug'. Besides which, his Coalition partner, the Nationals, are led by David Littleproud whose Queensland electorate recorded the highest 'No' vote in the Voice referendum. A Banana Split anyone?

With both major parties content to snub our forebears, the custodians of the Continent for 60,000 years, the case for voting Independent looks ever more fetching.

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Reminder to avoid mozzie bites following a new case of Buruli ulcer in the Eurobodalla

Southern NSW Local Health District is reminding community members to watch out for the symptoms of the skin condition Buruli ulcer, and to avoid mosquito bites, after a locally acquired case was recently detected in the Eurobodalla region.

Local transmission of Buruli ulcer was confirmed for the first time in Southern NSW in 2023, after three people were diagnosed with the illness between 2021 and 2023. The recent case is the fourth locally acquired case of Buruli ulcer in Southern NSW and the first since 2023.

Buruli ulcer has been reported in parts of Queensland, Northern Territory, and multiple areas in Victoria. The number of cases in Victoria varies from year to year, but numbers have been increasing to between approximately 200-360 cases per year since 2017. Buruli ulcers typically appear as a painless red spot and progress over several weeks into an ulcer. Anyone with a non-healing skin ulcer should see a doctor. Buruli ulcer is a skin infection caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium ulcerans*.

Buruli ulcer is curable with appropriate treatment. Early recognition and diagnosis are important to minimise skin damage.



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While the precise transmission method for Buruli ulcer is not fully understood, there is increasing evidence that mosquitoes play a role in transmitting the infection.

In many cases, the Buruli ulcer may not appear until four to five months or longer after exposure. As mosquito bites are implicated in transmission, people can reduce their risk of Buruli ulcer by wearing loose, light-coloured clothing with long sleeves and pants and applying mosquito repellent that contains DEET.

Residents can prevent mosquito breeding by removing items around their home that might collect water, such as old tyres or empty pots.

Drainage issues should be addressed so that water does not become stagnant. Ensure coverings for windows and doors have insect screens with no holes or gaps in them.

CWA of NSW releases results from inaugural survey of state's women and issues having the greatest impact

Inaugural survey of state's women and issues having the greatest impact

Access to healthcare and housing, threats to safety, and financial challenges were among the issues NSW women have had their say on as part of the Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW inaugural Annual Women's Survey.

More than 60% of respondents cited limited access to primary and specialised healthcare providers as of most concern when it came to healthcare, and almost 70% said on the housing issue, the high cost of housing and a shortage of housing stock was the most worrying aspect.

The survey was launched in August last year and was open until October, with the results now collated and the top issues identified. There were 1670 responses in all, with 80% of those coming from women outside the state's major cities, and the majority of those respondents 45 years and over.

"This was our first survey, and we weren't sure what kind of response we'd receive, so to have that level of involvement from NSW women was really pleasing. This will now become a regular activity on our annual calendar, so we'd be hoping as more women become aware of the survey, the number of respondents will continue to build," said Joy Beames, President of the CWA of NSW.

"As the biggest women's advocacy group in the state, we developed this survey so we could get a real sense of what NSW women were concerned about and ensure our representations to policy makers reflected the issues they feel most strongly about."

The release of the CWA of NSW's survey findings follows the release earlier this month of the Federal Government's 2025 Status of Women Report Card. The annual Report Card examines the impact of a number of the issues put forward in the survey, such as gender-based violence, economic equality and security and health.

The CWA of NSW's survey found on the issue of safety, 34% of respondents said an insufficient law enforcement presence was of most concern, 30% cited gender-based violence and harassment and 15% said a lack of protective infrastructure like street lighting was of the greatest concern to them when it came to safety.

When it came to the issue of finance and economic challenges for women, 51% of respondents said access to affordable childcare and flexible work arrangements was of most concern, and 26% believed it was pay inequality and lack of opportunities for career advancement.

In response to an open-ended question on the most significant issues affecting women, 19% put housing availability, affordability and quality at the top of their list and 15% highlighted personal safety, domestic violence and availability of support services. A total of 11% said transport and digital connectivity (access to, reliability and affordability) were the biggest issues, and another 11% said employment and cost of living issues caused them the most concern.

In other results related to particular categories:

INFRASTRUCTURE

- 37% - Improved access to healthcare and emergency services
- 24% - Affordable reliable telecommunications services
- 22% - Improved transport and road connectivity

EDUCATION (access and participation)

- 33% - Insufficient funding or financial support
- 29% - Lack of local education facilities and providers
- 12% - Limited access to affordable transport options
- 12% - Lack of affordable childcare

EMPOWERMENT (challenges to participation in decision-making)

- 54% - Societal challenges and longstanding inequalities
- 17% - Lack of time
- 8% - Lack of confidence
- 7% - Education/knowledge gaps

"We're really pleased so many women took the time to participate in the survey and provide this starting point for the database we're hoping to build. As we see more responses coming in each year, that will start to show whether some of these issues are becoming more or less of a concern, and will help fine-tune our advocacy efforts even further," Joy said.

"Thank you to all our members who participated, and other women in the community who saw this as an important way to have their say, and they can be sure we'll be taking their concerns forward."

Delivering more grants to grow Australia's sustainable timber supply

The Federal Government is helping the forestry industry meet growing demand for domestically sourced sustainable timber, with more than \$2.3 million announced last week in the latest batch of plantation grants.

The Albanese Labor Government supports sustainable forestry, and is investing in forest industry innovation, manufacturing and skills.

The Government is delivering the most significant forest industry support package in Australia's history, including around \$300 million to help improve the capacity and capability of the sector.

The Support Plantation Establishment program is providing grant funding to help establish up to 36,000 hectares of new long-rotation softwood and hardwood plantation forests across Australia.

The funds will support the establishment of 5 new plantations in New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia and Tasmania.

The grant recipients will establish a mix of softwood and hardwood plantations totalling over 1,200 hectares.

These 5 new projects are in addition to 41 others worth \$26.2 million. Total funding through the program now exceeds \$28.5 million since the first grants were announced in 2023.

Approximately 15,000 hectares of new plantations have now been approved for establishment across the country.

Round three of the program is open for applications until 5 November 2025 with the government providing up to \$2,000 per hectare of new long-rotation plantation forest established to eligible projects.

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Food For Thought at Long Table Lunch



Sandra Makdessi & Cath Reilly



Stuart Whitelaw speaking.



Indi Carmichael with SE ARTS Director Kate Bradbury.

By John Longhurst

Thirty enthusiastic participants and supporters of the local arts community enjoyed a fundraising 'long table' lunch with guest speaker, Stuart Whitelaw, at the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre (Bas), in Moruya, last Saturday.

Indi Carmichael, Coordinator Creative Arts Services at Eurobodalla Shire Council who organised the event said "Food for Thought' is an initiative to connect local artists with the community and promote conversation while enjoying great food and art."

With plans to host a lunch with a guest speaker each autumn, winter, and spring, these events are fundraisers, providing much needed financial support to the Bas team in delivering their annual creative programs. It was a case of thoughts before food on Saturday, however, as guest speaker Stuart Whitelaw engaged the audience with his talk on 'Growing a Creative Ecosystem' before lunch was served. Carmichael remarked, 'This topic is at the heart of what we do at the Bas and marks the beginning of what we hope will be many more conversations just like it.' Local artist Stuart Whitelaw lives in Bingie with his partner Jan. He practiced architecture for over 40 years but his main interests now are making art, solar energy, volunteering for SAGE and growing food. Stuart was one of the founders of SAGE and was also instrumental in starting the SAGE Farmers Market. He considers himself very lucky to be able to live in the creative community of Moruya.

Stuart highlighted the very large cohort of people who are passionate about creativity in the local community with one of the highest levels of active involvement in the arts of any shire in NSW.

In a thoughtful and at times amusing speech, Stuart went on to address the topic with five key lessons.

Drawing on the anecdote of artist Bryan Carrick transforming a stump outside of the Air Raid Tavern in Moruya, into a column of leaping dolphins over a weekend.

Stuart said "There was no way the community was going to let it be removed on Monday, and it eventually led to a main street populated by more wonderfully sculpted tree trunks. I guess this is lesson one in growing a creative ecosystem - just do it."

The audience was then challenged to think beyond the practice of 'plop and drop' when it came to art in public spaces.

Stuart said "What about making art part of the everyday rather than always having it on a pedestal as something separate. Council spends a huge amount of money doing stuff in our public spaces. What about creative paths, fences or curbs and guttering?"

The development and growth of the SAGE NSW Inc project over the past few decades was used to highlight the importance of sharing an understanding of creativity. Stuart summarised "So, I think Lesson 2 is to get people to share and understand what you are trying to do and to demonstrate the tangible benefits of your mission. People understand when they can experience by looking, feeling, tasting."

Lesson three in 'Growing a Creative Ecosystem' was simply about the importance of 'showing up'.

The need for creatives to have somewhere to live, work and somewhere to sell whatever it is that they are creating was lesson four.

Stuart said "It would be lovely if we could emulate some of the small market towns in Europe and have a modest shelter right in town - in a car park with a roof of solar panels perhaps - that could be used as parking when it's not being used for displays and sales of creative art and whatever else comes along. Our towns need this kind of life right in their main streets and fabric if they are to remain relevant."

"Be your creative self" was Stuart's final lesson.

Following the talk, SAGE Events and Education Convenor, Sandra Makdessi, introduced the luncheon which was designed based on what local growers have on offer right at this moment.

Over 90% of the ingredients used in the lunch was from our local growers.

Indi Carmichael said "It was wonderful to take such a holistic approach with this event. We felt it was important when talking about sustainable local culture and creative communities we pair that with sustainable locally sourced food."

"We are delighted that people had such a lovely time at the Bas. The gallery looked divine with its long table adorned with eucalyptus and fairy lights all set against the exquisitely serene exhibition Floating Through Calm Waters by Julz Beresford. People were buzzing with conversation; it was certainly an event to remember."

The Bas now looks forward to its next 'Food for Thought' event, featuring local artist and community arts advocate Di Jay, fresh from a studio residency in Italy. From Broulee to Florence: An Artist's Odyssey will be accompanied by an Italian-themed grazing table on Saturday June 21, 12:30 - 2:30pm. Tickets are available at www.thebas.com.au.

Donations to the Bas can also be made via the website—all contributions are tax-deductible and directly support the Bas team in better serving the creative arts community in Eurobodalla.

SAGE Farmers Market
Tuesday 3pm Moruya
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Quantum Brewery

Saturday Chill 4.30-7.30pm



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Camelle Denny

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Only 8 positions available
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Date : **Saturday 13th April 2025**

Time : 11am to 4pm

Venue: The Pavillions, Batemans Bay Wet Room

Cost : \$150 for Members and Non Members.

Bookings: email your name and phone number to
workshops@cabbi.com.au

Materials: Camelle will supply materials such as: Oil Paint, canvas, palettes, solvent, and some brushes.



If you have them, you will need to supply your own brushes, such as a 1" or 2" inch Bob Ross Landscape, #6 fan Brush, #2 script liner, #12 Filbert. Also your own cleaning up materials including Baby wipes, paper towel, latex gloves, small jar for solvent.

We will send you an online Invoice to be paid in full to secure your booking.

Workshop Overview:

This workshop is designed for beginners to be introduced to the **Bob Ross** Landscape Painting techniques. Using oil paint mediums, you will be encouraged to explore techniques and concepts of making good landscape compositions.

This workshop will help people improve their skills and enjoyment of making art.

Please read the Cabbi Refund Policy before booking at <https://cabbi.com.au/cabbi-workshops>

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Friday, 4 Apr:

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Tim Thomson

Soldiers Club (7.30pm)
Steampacket Hotel 5pm

Saturday, 5 Apr:

Jamie Parkinson
Joe Driscoll
Rick Bamford
Candelo Blues Jam
Blues Extravaganza

Club Malua (7pm)
Tathra Bowlo (7.30pm)
Tura Beach Club (6.30pm)
Tilba Valley Winery 11.30
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and Vargas Blues Band
Tilba Valley Winery
5.30pm (ticketed show)
Steampacket Hotel 5pm
Broulee Brewhouse

Vanessa Jade
Chris O'Connor

Sunday, 6 Apr:

Rick Bamford
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Tim McNally

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Access restored for disabled at Perry Street Cinema



By John Longhurst

Wheelchair users have not been able to access Perry Street Cinemas in Batemans Bay since early December last year with the only option of travelling to either Narooma or Ulladulla to enjoy a movie.

The elevator at Perry Street required parts from Germany as well as specialist labour to repair the elevator.

Perry Street Cinema owner, Jeff Visser said "The repairs have cost in excess of \$10,000 and there is only one tradesperson in NSW with the required skills. The parts have finally arrived and we have managed to book the tradesperson and access for the disabled should be restored this week."

Repairs underway on the elevator at Perry Street Cinemas earlier this week.

An artist's reverie

David Ramsland



Opening: Saturday 5 April 2025, from 10.30am
 Artist talk: Saturday 5 April 2025, from 11.30am
 Exhibition: Saturday 5 April - Saturday 10 May 2025, 10am - 4pm
 Where: The Bas, cnr of Vulcan and Murray streets, Moruya NSW 2537



Murray River near Mannum, Oil on MDF, 84 x 93cm

David Ramsland's exhibition celebrates our authentic connection with nature. Capturing the dream-like calm that allows us to transcend the chaos of daily life. Moments like a beach walk, a riverside stroll, or witnessing a stunning sunset inspire Ramsland and fuel his creativity. Through his art, Ramsland reminds viewers of the genuine beauty that surrounds us.



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Ness Shannon

Art exhibition: An artist's reverie - David Ramsland

Local artist David Ramsland takes us on a journey through the bush and the coast and immerses viewers in the dream-like quality of his visions.

Opening: Saturday 5 April, 10.30am. [RSVP for opening event](#) Artist talk: Saturday 5 April, from 11am following opening When: Saturday 5 April to Saturday 10 May 2025, 10am to 4pm Cost: Free

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What's On in the Arts

Exhibition: A View from my Easel

At Bay Pavilions, 12 Vesper Street, Batemans Bay Until Sunday 27 April Cost: free
Join multi-award-winning artists Lyn Woolridge and Eric Strachan for their first joint exhibition, A View From My Easel. This exhibition features landscapes and seascapes inspired by their deep love for the natural world, particularly the stunning Eurobodalla region with its beautiful coastline and bushland.
Strachan invites you to share in the joy he experiences while painting on-site, capturing scenes from his travels around the world in various mediums. Woolridge, renowned for her pastel paintings, beautifully depicts the changing moods of the sea and the interplay of light on water and wet sand.

Central Australian Women's Choir wows Batemans Bay



By John Longhurst

Over three hundred people were in attendance to listen to the 30-strong Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir at the Yuin Theatre in the Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay, last Sunday night.

The Choir is drawn together from seven remote communities of Australia's vast central desert.

Singing in English alongside Western Arrernte and Pitjantjatjara – two living languages of the Northern Territory and South Australia – and led by Choir Master Morris Stuart, the extraordinary vocal ensemble first came to popular attention following ABC TV's Australian Story, and the feature documentary, The Song Keepers.

It was very much a case of being transported in a musical confluence of Baroque and Romantic era choral arrangements and centuries-old sacred hymns and carried through time in ancient Aboriginal languages.*

Nathan Reichstein, Head of Theatre and Arts at the Bay Pavilions was pleased with the large turnout.

Nathan said "For a Sunday evening and with the wild wet weather it was a fantastic show of support for the Choir. It was a case of encores aplenty and a standing ovation. A truly quality performance."

The Choir's Batemans Bay recital was part of a national tour that includes performances at the Melbourne Recital Centre and the Sydney Opera House.

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Wed 18th / 25th and Fri 20th / 27th 10.30am

(Performances for school groups)

From the Forest



An event celebrating the resilience, beauty and bounty of our South Coast Forests.

Over 2 weeks the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden will host an art exhibition, music, storytelling, and workshops paying homage to the forests, the lungs of our nation, important places that play a role in the lives of countless generations, past, present and future.

12-27 April 2025

Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden Deep Creek Dam Rd Batemans Bay



The Ultimate Lifestyle Property

4723 Araluen Road, Araluen, NSW \$999,000 - \$1,095,000

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- Situated on Araluen Road, 39km from Braidwood or 42km from Moruya, this is a great option to live the lifestyle you have been dreaming of, but still be within commuting distance to town conveniences.
- The picturesque 120 acre block (approximately) comprises of a mixture of open grassed valleys and bushland and has 3 dams plus a bore as well as having Araluen Creek running straight through the block.
- The current owner has grown market gardens in the past with the fantastic soil fertility and abundance of water, plus a council approved gin/vodka distillery is currently in operation (www.twingallows.com.au) and distributes to Canberra and South Coast Bars/bottle shops (this can be negotiated on top of the property sale), these are great options for those looking for an extra income.
- The home is a cozy 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom cottage, and includes an open plan living, dining and kitchen space. Comfort in the colder months is assured with a wood fire with wet back hot water heating. There is also 7KW solar keeping those power bills low.
- Infrastructure includes a separate 12m x 10m shed with two high roller doors and steel shelving, serviced with power, water and concrete floor.
- An old shearing shed C1920's, stock yards with crush and head bale in very good condition and a glass house with steel frame and shelving, concrete floor, power and water.
- This property is a fantastic option for those wanting to live a self-sustainable lifestyle or is ideal for those with a few horses or other hobby farm pursuits.

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Have your say on Draft Eurobodalla Housing Strategy

Council is seeking community feedback on a scoping report to help shape the Draft Eurobodalla Housing Strategy.

In a nutshell, the draft strategy aims to address housing diversity and the growing need for affordable housing in Eurobodalla. A scoping report was prepared to analyse affordable housing strategies from neighbouring councils and to list potential actions that could be included in Eurobodalla's strategy. Hearing which actions should or shouldn't be included will help guide Council's decisions and make sure the strategy reflects the needs and priorities of residents.

Here's the link to view the scoping report and comment your feedback: [Draft Eurobodalla Housing Strategy – scoping report | Eurobodalla Council](#). The closing date for submissions is Wednesday 23 April 2025, 4.30pm.

Refugee Action Moruya Market Stall – Saturday 12 April – Riverside Park

“Show your support for refugees and maybe find something to buy for yourself or as a gift for someone else. Our special table this time will feature mid-20th century Australian pottery and also paintings by Gillian Wilde. As usual we will also have clothing, books, household items, jewellery and lots more.

The money raised will go to organisations in Australia assisting refugees and asylum seekers struggling on temporary visas, restrictions on working and education, and lack of resources. This group of refugees and asylum seekers include people from Afghanistan, Myanmar, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria and Ukraine escaping the violence in their homelands. We will also continue to support where possible those in off shore detention on Nauru and PNG.”



Greater Glider Knit-In – Protesting Moruya Logging between Maulbrooks & Polwombra Rds

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Locals and Nannas Rally - **From 9-12 noon (photo 10.30am) Friday 4 April**, Forestry Corporation steps, Orient Street – Batemans Bay. Knitting Nannas for Native Forests – South Coast loop are holding a snap Knit-In.

South Coast locals, Friends of the Forest (Mogo) and Brooman State Forest Conservation Group are rallying with Knitting Nannas to protest the continued logging of Mogo State forest ten minutes nw of Moruya between Maulbrooks and Polwombra Roads.

This week three sets of logging machines moved up Maulbrooks Road to log below RHA Fire Trail. This location is a beautiful intact forest with native flowering shrubs, wildflowers and glossy black cockatoo feed trees (allocasuarina littoralis) that are meant to be protected. Bonnet orchids photographed a few months ago will be churned up by heavy earthmoving machinery as the spotted gum trees are cut down for woodchips, firewood and pallets. As well as this logging in Mogo State Forest, over 5,000 hectares is being logged at any one time, on both sides of the Clyde River between Nelligen and Termeil.

Wear yellow and black if you have it with red accents. This Knit-In will also be a Friday's 4 Forests action that occurs, up and down the east coast of NSW.

BACKGROUND

It is essential that this forest be kept standing to protect wildlife that survived the fires, especially endangered greater gliders and glossy black cockatoos. Instead, the trees in this wildlife refugia are being cut down mainly for low value export woodchips (36% of the yield), firewood (29%), steel mill pallets and tomato stakes. This yield is obtained only after most of the trees are left on the forest floor (over 60% which is the entire treetop) adding to fuel load and fire risk for neighboring residents. Many NSW contractors that cut the trees down (teams of two) and log truck drivers are Victorian as logging has been mainly banned by the Victorian Labor government. WA ended native forest logging in early 2024.

Logging machinery caterpillar treads churn up vegetation damaging 534 hectares in this operation; snagging tracks are bulldozed and multiple logging dumps totally cleared. From the top of the compartment at night you can see the lights of Moruya and some hills are so steep you need a walking pole to traverse them. Removing the trees has washed sediment into Dooga Creek that feeds into Moruya River. There are permanent water pools where locals have sighted platypus prior to the fires and an incredible 62m tall spotted gum with a 7m circumference grows in a tributary to Dooga Creek in this operation. Forestry must focus 100% on profitable pine plantations on marginal land that already provide over 80% of construction timber, many skilled jobs and impact less land as they are grown fast. Tumut's AKD softwoods owns 12,000 hectares of plantations that pay rates to local councils.

Nature based tourism is our main economic driver with \$16 m federal investment in Eurobodalla mountain bike trails attracting the prestigious international Sea Otter event in Mogo State Forest in October 2025. Yet these state forest mountain bike trails, are not protected from logging, so can be closed for months and tracks damaged.

Head over to the Friends of the Forest (Mogo) facebook page to see the videos that has everyone's attention. Logging machinery and log dump footage on Maulbrooks Rd had over 5,000 views in 24 hours and the video of the treetops left behind as waste is heading to 10,000 views.

Our forests are worth more standing for our wildlife, carbon storage and recreation especially mountain biking.

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Have your say on Local Land Services board election process

Local Land Services is inviting ratepayers to have their say on the way community representatives are elected to its local boards.

As part of a review of the election process, Local Land Services is conducting a survey to understand how it can improve the experience for voters.

Open to new and long-time voters, the short, five-minute survey closes on 17 April 2025.

Local Land Services CEO Kate Lorimer-Ward said feedback would inform recommendations to make the election process more engaging and accessible.

“Local boards play a key role in connecting Local Land Services to landholders and communities across NSW,” Ms Lorimer-Ward said.

“The election process allows our customers to vote for who represents them on their local board and is critical to ensuring their voice is heard on matters that affect them, so it’s important we make it as simple as possible.

“While there was an increase in the number of voters in last year’s election, compared to 2020, we recognise there’s room to improve engagement with the election process.

“Whether you’re a past voter or have never voted before, we want to hear from you about what’s working well and where we can make improvements.”

Local board elections are run in accordance with the LLS Regulation 2014. The review Local Land Services is undertaking will inform where regulatory and non-regulatory changes may need to be considered to improve customer experience.

In addition to elected board members, each of Local Land Services’ 11 local boards has some Ministerially appointed members.

Together they provide oversight of local strategic planning, performance monitoring and local policy, helping to shape the services Local Land Services delivers.

The chair of each local board sits on the statewide Local Land Services Board, which is responsible for overseeing statewide priorities in line with the State Strategic Plan. Those interested can [complete the survey online](#). All responses are anonymous.

Free worm farm and compost workshops this Saturday!

Get all the tips and tricks during a hands-on workshop with the experts.

Where: Moruya Waste Transfer Station, Yarragee Road. When: Saturday 5 April. (1.5hr sessions) Start 9.30am or 12pm.

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MORUYA RSL - ANNUAL GRAVESIDE VIGIL - MORUYA CEMETERY - Saturday 12 April 2025 2.45pm

For a number of years now, the Moruya RSL Sub Branch has been conducting a graveside vigil at the Moruya Cemetery, for all of those veterans who have passed on. This is conducted in the lead up to ANZAC Day.

The Australian National Flag is placed by volunteers, at EACH and EVERY grave of a serviceman or woman who lies buried at Moruya Cemetery. We believe that just because a veteran has left our ranks, that does not mean that their service is forgotten. Each year, we select three graves of our past veterans and invite their family to join us, as the Australian National Flag is planted in their memory and their service is commemorated. The Moruya RSL Sub-Branch would like to invite any interested persons to join us for this very solemn event.

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www.teensafemoruya.org

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SHASA is looking for helpers at the Repair Cafe which is held every Friday from 9.30am-12.30pm at the Red Door Hall, St John's Commons, Moruya.

HELP IS NEEDED WITH

- fixing electrical goods (SHASA will cover the cost of volunteers to undertake tag and test training)
- organise and serve morning tea for the repairers

Interested?

Please contact Kathryn Maxwell on 0467558645 or email contact.shasa@gmail.com

Animal Welfare League News

Lester is a 10 month old big beautiful tabby with cheeks you just want to squeeze! If you are looking for a confident, fun-loving man, Lester is your guy. He has mastered the art of the zoomies and loves to play with other cats. Once his boundless energy has run down, he loves to smooch and will become your most treasured companion. Lester came to AWL from the local council pound, but he's clearly had a loving home at some stage. If only he could tell us about his life! Whatever difficulties he's faced, however, have not dented his sweet nature one bit. He's a very loving cat, and wants nothing more than to be your whole world.



Lester

Jack is a gorgeous three year old tan and brown Kelpie. He came into care with AWL with his friend **Tilly**, and 18 month old tan and white Kelpie cross. They previously lived on a property and ideally property life would suit them best. They have adapted well to living in town but, Kelpies being an active breed, need lots of exercise and playtime. Both Jack and Tilly get on well with children and other dogs, but have not been tested with cats, chickens or pocket pets. They have both had basic training, and are keen to keep learning and show just how clever they are. Jack and Tilly are available for rehoming either together or separately. These are a couple of really terrific dogs ready to be loving family members or someone's best mate.



Jack



Tilly

All AWL pets come desexed, vaccinated, microchipped and flea, tick and worm treated. Call AWL Eurobodalla on 0410 016 612 to arrange a meeting with any of our animals.

AND – following on from our FELINE DESEXING MONTH in March, we are excited to announce PET DESEXING MONTH for the whole of April. Anyone needing assistance with the cost of desexing their pet, just book your dog or cat into the vet of your choice, then call Animal Welfare League on 0436 816 718 to arrange your discount voucher. Desexing your pet plays an important role in stopping the cycle of unwanted breeding, so take this opportunity to get help with the cost.

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A MINECRAFT MOVIE PG, 1H 41M, ACTION/ADVENTURE	4.35pm	6pm	10.30am 6.30pm	10.30am 6.30pm		6pm	6pm
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A WORKING MAN MA15+, 1H 56M, ACTION	5pm*	6.15pm*	6.10pm*	6.10pm*		6.15pm*	6.15pm*
DISNEY'S SNOW WHITE PG, 1H 49M, FANTASY		4.10pm*	4.05pm*	4.05pm*		4.10pm*	4.10pm*
BLACK BAG (LAST WEEK) M, 1H 33M, SPY THRILLER	7.25pm*	10.30am	12.35pm*	12.35pm*		11.35am*	11.35am*
SPIT (LAST WEEK) M, 1H 41M, AUS COMEDY/CRIME	2.30pm	1.10pm	4.30pm	4.30pm		1.15pm	1.15pm
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A MINECRAFT MOVIE PG | 1hr 41min
 ~ Family ~ Adventure ~
 Four misfits are suddenly pulled through a mysterious portal into a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination. To get back home, they'll have to master this world while embarking on a quest with an unexpected, expert crafter.



DOG MAN
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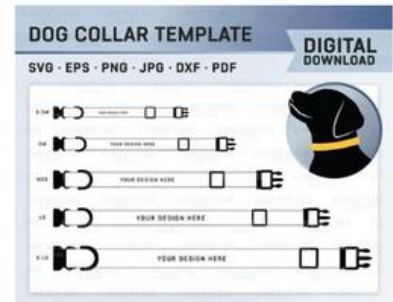
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- 7 - 12 April 2025 **Australian Skydiving Championships**, Moruya Airport
- 1th - 21st - Apr **Youth Week**
- 19th April Races **Moruya Races**
- 20th April - **Easter Day**
- 22nd April - **Earth Day**
- 3RD May - **Federal Election**
- 2 - 3 May 2025 **Narooma Oyster Festival**
- 26th May - **Sorry Day**
- 27th May - **3rd June - Reconciliation Week**
- 16th - 22nd June - **Refugee Week**
- 20 June to 20 July **Fungi Festival**
- 6th - 12th July - **NAIDOC Week**
- 15 - 17 Aug 2025 **80th Anniversary - VP Day in Moruya**
- 26 Sept - 6 Oct 2025 - **River of Art Festival**
- 22-26 October 2025 - **Sea Otter Australia MTB Event**
- 22 Nov - **Giiyong Festival**
- 13 March 2027 **NSW State Election**

Daylight Saving Ends

Sunday 6th April 2025. The clocks turn back at 3am to 2am

Red Door Hall Garage Sale

Saturday 26th April

NSW school holidays for 2025:

Autumn Holidays: Monday, April 14 to Thursday, April 24

Note: Friday, April 25 is ANZAC Day, a public holiday

Winter Holidays: Monday, July 7 to Friday, July 18

Spring Holidays: Monday, September 29 to Fri, October 10

Summer Holidays: Monday, December 22 to Monday, January 26, 2026

Meet n Greet Candidate Meeting Batemans Bay

'Our Council Our Say' is holding a Federal Election Candidate Meet & Greet on Sunday 27th April 2025 from 2pm to 4pm at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club

The MC will be my son Shannon Ashton who is not a member of, nor affiliated with, any political party or group.

The event will be live streamed.

Tuross Community Markets

From 13th of April, will be held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

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Thursday, 10 April, 2025 5.45 pm - 7.30 pm UOW Eurobodalla campus, Batemans Bay

Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

Narooma VIEW Club meets on the fourth Friday of each month at Narooma Golf Club Seahorse Room at 11.30 for lunch & a guest speaker. (Except October will be Friday 18th).



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Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls



Runners-up Rink 4, Michelle Adler, Julie Quinliven and Gwen Ware.

There were 26 social bowlers on the Green on a very windy day but at least the rain has stopped after the past few days. Gayl kept us all up to date with events during April including bowls on Anzac Day. Good bowling next week in Ballina to our Senior Four's, Joan Rimmer, Gayl Vidgen, Nancy White and Skip Pat Bill who will be taking part in State play-offs. Birthday greetings to Judy Armstrong. Thinking of Sue P - get well soon, take it easy. Bowls coordinator Ian Whybrow called cards for 3 Triples and a Four's game. Winners Rink 2, Bev Keatley, Raija Johnston, Pat Weekes, Sue Beavan. (Photo Runners-up Rink 4, Michelle Adler, Julie Quinliven and Gwen Ware. Lucky Losers Rink 4, Lynn Gowans, Noleen Taylor and Wendy Geary. Money Club winners 35 Gai Gibson, 20 Robyn Butcher.

Moruya Ladies Golf



Moruya Ladies Golf this week ran the 1st round of our five (5) 4BBB Stableford yearly events. What turned out to be a pleasant, but rather steamy hot day, saw Robyn Hawkins and Angie McMillan win with 44 points, followed by Sharon Knight and Judi Hebbard on 41 points. Balls went to Arthean McBride, Jenny Ellis, Val Nixon, Christine Quick, Jan Lumsden and Shirley Noy. The field saw the return of our regular ladies who were missing in action due to the Far South Coast ladies annual Tournament at Tura Beach." Photo: Angie McMillan & Robyn Hawkins.

Transforming Cooma into a national mountain biking destination

A re-elected Labor Government will provide \$3.1 million towards developing Cooma's mountain biking trails into a world-class destination. This election commitment will support the development of 54 kilometres of new trails and the construction of a large-scale asphalt pump track to suit all skill levels on bikes, skateboards and scooters - which will have the potential to host a world championship pump track event. With a drive time from Canberra conducive to either day trips or overnight stays, Cooma is perfectly located to capitalise on an increasing take-up of mountain biking across the general population. Cooma's terrain, forest types, existing quality trails, and the trail's proximity to the Cooma CBD make this project ripe for development. Mountain biking provides significant social and economic benefits to communities - with a 2016 assessment of the project estimating it would inject more than \$5.3 million into the local economy every year once complete. Consistent with past practice, election commitments will be delivered in line with Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles.

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Tuross Head Golf Results



Winner: Peter Nikolic with Committee member Ian McManus



Winner: Greg Thornton

Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 27th March 2025

A field of 40 players registered for a Stableford Medley Combined event. The weather was fine and there were some great scores.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Peter Nikolic (29) with 41 points
- 2nd: Bruce Martin (19) with 39 points
- 3rd: Matthew Kennedy (18) with 37 points
- 4th: Ross Davidson (31) with 36 points

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Stuart McKell 2.42 A Grade
- 4th: Ian Manton 5.46 B Grade
- 4th: Peter Nikolic 4.45 C Grade
- 6th: Ray Bollard 1.32 A Grade
- 6th: Peter McRae 3.86 B Grade
- 6th: Peter Coffey 7.90 C Grade
- 7th: Lars Gaupset 0.11 A Grade
- 7th: Grant Kiely 2.01 B Grade

Balls went to: Anthony Mellick 35, Ray Bollard 35, Colin Houghton 35, Grant Kiely 34, John Eglitis 34, Peter Coffey 34, Kevin Reilly 34, Paul Medwin 34, Leonie Doolan 33 and Jim Madden 32.

Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 2nd April 2025

A field of 45 players registered for the Stableford Championship Round 2 event today. The weather was sunny, the course a bit soggy in places and some great results were achieved. The winners were:

- 1st: Greg Thornton with 17 points
- 2nd: Gavin Wheelahan with 15 points (countback)
- 3rd: Ian Miller with 15 points (countback)
- 4th: Bruce Martin with 15 points (countback)
- 5th: Ross Davidson with 15 points
- 6th: Steve Collins with 14 points
- 7th: Shirley Quinlan with 14 points
- 8th: Paul Green with 13 points
- 9th: Frank Pomfret with 13 points
- 10th: Henry Anderson with 13 points
- 11th: Chris Wratten with 13 points
- 12th: Graham Moore with 12 points (countback)
- 13th: Steve Swanbury with 12 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Ian Manton (2nd Shot)
- 6th: Paula Coffey (1st shot)
- 7th: Ladies: Dorothy Madden (2nd shot)
- Mens: Herb Muriwai (2nd shot)
- Accuracy: Frank Pomfret (5th hole)
- Bradman: Judi Carey

TEENS SAFE DRIVER COURSE in SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The next Teensafe course is in school holidays on Thursday 24 April at Moruya Speedway. We specialise in behind-the wheel practical safe driver skills training for young drivers with L and P plate licences. Cars and instructors provided for this one day intensive course, low cost \$80. For more info and rego form go to www.teensafemoruya.org or email garys.home@bigpond.com

A SAFE DRIVING TIP from Teensafe to all drivers - kangaroos and wallabies are regular casualties on our regional roads, mainly between dusk and dawn. To avoid serious injury to you, we recommend that if a roo suddenly appears in front of your car, try to avoid the reflex impulse to quickly swerve as you may lose control of the car, hit a tree or oncoming vehicle or roll, not a good outcome. Safer to brake steadily and hold your steering line, you will have more control of the car, especially at highway speeds. You cannot predict which way a roo will run if startled, sometimes at you, sometimes not. It's sad if you hit a roo but better than serious damage to you or your car if you lose control. Rather than a potentially dangerous impulse swerve, by reading this, the memory will store in your brain and is likely to speed up your driver reaction a vital fraction of a second quicker when confronted suddenly with a roo on the road in front of you one dark night. This is one of many safe driver tips to young drivers at a Teensafe course.

Safe driving, Gary Smith,
Teensafe manager.



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Tackle World Moruya Fishing Report

Moruya River.

Yet again, the forecast looks less than stellar. With approximately 60-70mm of rain forecast for tomorrow and 4m+ seas for Sunday onwards, Hughy seems to be laughing at us.

On the whole the river has been fishing really well, with flathead, bream, whiting and Trevally all on offer throughout the system. The back of the hole in the wall is one very productive area that fishes well on both the run in and run out tides. I have included a pic below that shows the area known as the hole in the wall for those that don't know where it is. I do get asked fairly often. It is best accessed from either a boat or my preferred method kayak. Although it can be accessed from the fringes in various spots land based. Take a good look at Google Maps for more info.

There are some good whiting and bream still holding on the sand flats under the town bridge on a high tide. Nippers and squirt worms are your best bait when chasing these, although the bream, trevally and flathead will also take a soft plastic.

Further upstream, the bass will be starting to think about moving down to spawn, so you can expect to see some migration happening as the weather cools.

Tuross River.

Good numbers of flathead, bream, whiting and mulloway have been taken throughout the system this week. The lower areas of the river have been more active for good flathead that have been actively taking drifted baits or cast soft plastics and hard body lures.

The racks continue to hold good numbers of bream, and the flats are holding good numbers of whiting making the most of the warm water temps we are currently experiencing. Surface poppers, or live nippers or squirt worms are the best bait option if you are chasing these tasty hard fighting scrappers.

There are a few well known deep holes that traditionally hold good mulloway. These can be targeted with live baits of mullet, good dead baits also of mullet, squid or with lures. The new panic station mullet would be an awesome option for searching these deeper holes.

Rock and Beach.

The Moruya breakwall has been producing good numbers of salmon, bream, flathead, trevally and a few good sized bonito.

The local beaches are as usual holding good numbers of big salmon, bream and whiting. With the forecast showing 4m seas from Sunday on, fish the beaches Saturday if you don't mind the rain.

Offshore.

With very warm water temps at the moment, showing 27 degrees, there are plenty of warmer water species around. Mahi Mahi, snapper, flathead and marlin are all on the cards. I don't see too much happening for the offshore guys this weekend however.

The bait freezer is still well stocked. Mullet fillet and worms are the only missing items at the moment. We have a few new lures from Jackson on the wall at the moment, not to forget all the others we have on offer.

Stay safe everyone and remember, "Every day's a good day for fishing..."

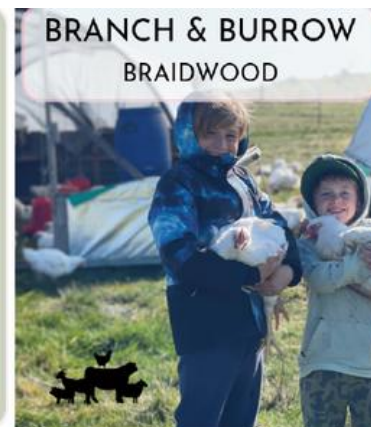
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Social dining with a cause

By John Longhurst

Batemans Bay Sailing Club (BBSC) has been hosting theme dinner parties for the past two years to foster community interaction as well as support the monthly community picnics on the last Sunday of each month.

Close to 30 members and guests gathered at the BBSC last Friday evening to enjoy a Thai themed dinner with dishes of Thai fish cakes, Asian noodle slaw, beef massaman curry, green chicken curry, vegetarian curry, Thai cabbage and a dessert of mango coconut pudding.

The dinner was prepared by Peter Smith, long term Rear Commodore of the BBSC and active club members, Bev Dunne and Sofia Keady.

Peter has responsibility for BBSC social activities.

Peter said "It is a great way to promote not just the club but a sense of community."

Simon Dunlop from Denhams Beach and the Commodore of BBSC for the last three years is an enthusiastic supporter of the initiative.

Simon said "It has opened a different side to the club and raised awareness of our existence. It allows the club to better cater for spouses who do not sail as well as extend an invitation to the wider community to come together in a social setting."

Andrea Wallace from Denhams Beach is a regular attendee. Andrea said "I enjoy good food and conversation. It is a great way to meet new people and a very casual environment. It is such a nice vibe."

The cost of the meal is reasonably priced at \$25 for BBSC members or \$30 for non-members. All guests are welcome to bring their own alcohol. The dinners are held on the last Friday of each month.

More information is available at <https://bbsc.org.au/social-events/>

The next dinner is on Saturday 26th April as part of the BBSC annual ANZAC Regatta with a curry theme.

All leftover foods from the evening are donated to the Batemans Bay Community Picnic which is held on the last Sunday of each month under the Clyde River Bridge.

Sofia Keady is also the coordinator of the community picnic. Sofia said "It is great to be able to serve up some high-quality warm food for the less fortunate in our community. It is very much a win for promoting social interaction and a win for supporting the vulnerable."



Sofia Keady, Bev Dunne and Peter Smith

BATEMANS BAY SAILING CLUB

Anzac Regatta

26 April 2025
Saturday
6.30pm
BBSC Clubhouse

Curry Night

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- Butter Chicken
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